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Getlemen,

I recently wrote to several State AG's regarding the Microsoft monopoly case. Several responded and asked that I write directly to DOJ. I am a 74 year old Consulting Civil Engineer. My first computer was an LGP30. When I started my own practice in 1965 I "time shared" a GE computer located at their Missile and Space Division at King of Prussia, PA. using a "ground line" and an ASR33 Teletype. (what this proves I don't know, but I was asked by one of the AG's, who actually called on the telephone, that I include this "bio.") I am still practicing, thanks to the PC and without the 50 employees. I went from DOS as an operating system to OS/2 because it allowed me to keep the data of projects in a "file folder" and the files in each project folder were "associated" with the software with which they were created. IBM, at some time in the past, announced a new PC and I thought it was time to "upgrade" to a faster machine. Called IBM. Said I wanted their machine and wanted it with OS/2. Was told they could not sell it with OS/2, only windoz. I bought from a local PC store and installed the OS my self. I consider this a restraint of trade. Microsoft, at the very least, should be required to open their Application Program Interface to all so that any program written for windoz could be easily adapted to other operating systems. Thank you.

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